

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 56 is allowed and that claims 39 and 58 include patentable subject matter.

No claims are being added. Claim 54 is being cancelled. Claims 1, 12, 56, 57 and 58 are being amended. Upon entry of this amendment claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 21, 23, 38-43, 52 and 55-59 will be pending in the application. The amendment and new claims add no new matter.

The amendment to claim 1 is supported by, for example, Table 3 on page 13, less preferred column.

The amendment to claim 12 is supported by, for example, that claim.

The amendment to claim 57 is supported by, for example, paragraph 0036 and Table 3 on page 13, less preferred column.

The amendment to claim 58 is supported by, for example, paragraph 0036.

1) Applicants' response to the objection of claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 21, 23, 38-43, 52 and 54-55.

Claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 21, 23, 38-43, 52 and 54-55 were objected to for the reasons set out in point 6. Applicants have amended claim 1 to clarify that the base component is different from, and additional to, each of the functional siloxane, crosslinker and thickening agent components. Use of the phrase "the thickening agent" is not redundant. This objection is moot.

2) Applicants' response to the rejection of claims 54 and 57-59 under 35 U.S.C §112, first paragraph.

Claims 54 and 57-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph for the reasons given in point 7 of the Action. Applicants believe there is basis to limit the non-functional siloxane content to 0-1% in view of the broader recited range of 0-20% in Table 3 and the disclosure at paragraph 0034 teaching that the amount of non-

functional siloxane slip agent can be selected from anywhere within this range. Claim 54 has been cancelled obviating this rejection with respect to claim 54. In the interest of expediting prosecution applicants have eliminated this feature from claim 57. Amended claims 57-59 overcome this rejection.

3) Applicants' response to the rejection of claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 21, 23, 38, 40-41, 43, 52 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

Claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 21, 23, 38, 40-41, 43, 52 and 54 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,985,994 to Oberneder as evidenced by Silicones (Freeman, London-Iliffe Books, Ltd. (1962)), for the reasons given in point 9 of the action.

Applicants disagree with this rejection. Applicants note however that the Office admits that none of the references teaches or fairly suggests a mold release composition having the specified amounts of ingredients. In the interest of expediting prosecution applicants have amended claims 1 and 57 to recite specific amounts of ingredients. Claims 1, 6, 9, 12, 38, 40-43, 52 and 55-56 are patentable for at least this reason.

4) Applicants' response to the rejection of claims 42, 55, 57 and 59 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) or alternatively under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claims 42, 55, 57 and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Oberneder as evidenced by Silicones, for the reasons given in point 10 of the action.

Applicants disagree with this rejection. Applicants note however that the Office admits that none of the references teaches or fairly suggests the claimed mold release composition having the specified amounts of ingredients. In the interest of expediting prosecution applicants have amended claims 1 and 57 to recite specific amounts of ingredients. Claims 42, 55, 57 and 59 are patentable for at least this reason.

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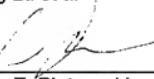
In summary, Applicants have addressed each of the objections and rejections in the present Office Action. It is believed the application now stands in condition for allowance, and prompt favorable action thereon is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' attorney if a conversation will hasten prosecution of this application. All postal correspondence should be directed to the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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